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FOR CLEANING SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICES**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 18, 2006. The Examiner has required a two-way restriction as follows:

Group I: claims 1-26

Group II: claims 26-33

The applicants requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement insofar as it separates the claims of Group I and Group II. If the Examiner maintains this requirement, the applicants will elect the Group II claims subject, however, to reconsideration on the basis of the following comments:

(1) Firstly, it is noted that the Group I and Group II claims require the same field of search. Hence the subject matter of both sets of claims can be covered in a single search.

(2) The Group I and Group II claims are related as product and method of use. In fact, the method claims of Group II are methods of using the product of Group I. The same purpose is called for in claim 1 of Group I and claim 26 of Group II. The product is described in the same way in claims 1 and 26. Hence the method of claim 26 cannot be practiced with a different material from the material of claim 1.

(3) Furthermore, the product of claim 1 (Group I) is used to obtain a certain result and, as noted, claim 1 (Group I) calls for the same results as method claim 26 (Group II). Claim 1 calls for a composition with certain components to provide effective cleaning or residues and claim 26 provides for a method of cleaning using the composition of claim 1.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the applicants elect, if required, the claims of Group II with traverse, as noted.


Favorable action on the merits is requested.

No fees are believed due in this matter. However, should any fees be deemed necessary please charge Morgan, Lewis & Bockius Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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